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**School system's SAT scores increase**

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The 2014 SAT scores show increases for the Griffin-Spalding County Schools (GSCS) in all three domains — critical reading, math and writing — compared to last year. The total SAT score for the school system was 1,372 — up 41 from 2013. That score is still

trailing the state average (1,445) as well as the national average (1,497), according to a GSCS informational memorandum. “While we are gaining, we still have not closed the gap between district and state scores,” the memorandum stated. The current SAT was introduced in 2005, featuring a maximum score of 800 for each

domain to make the total top score 2,400. The test is intended to assess a student’s readiness for college, and taking it or its competitor, the ACT, is required for entry to many, but not all, universities in the United States. According to data from the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE), 110 students at Griffin High School took the 2014 SAT, achieving mean

scores of 435 (critical reading), 434 (math) and 414 (writing), respectively, for a total score of 1,283. Meanwhile, 152 students at Spalding High School took the 2014 SAT and had mean scores of 490 (critical reading), 481 (math) and 469 (writing) — for a total score of 1,440, the GADOE reported. This year, as part of the

school budget, both local high schools were allocated local dollars to offer SAT preparatory sessions to students at no cost. “We anticipated that focused sessions could improve the performance on the SAT by the students who are enrolled in their school’s SAT prep program, and that investment proves successful,” the memo stated.



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More than two dozen local Cub Scouts, primarily from Moore and Atkinson elementary schools, turned out Monday for a Cub Scout Field Day held at Fairmont Park, including Kyle Tiller, pictured practicing archery. There are more than 200 kids in Scouting between Moore, Atkinson and Main Stay Academy, said Flint River Council District Executive Jonathan Swatts. Volunteers from Paxen Learning, in cooperation and the Flint River Council Boy Scouts, made the day possible for the youth, Swatts said.

**Cub Scout Field Day**

More than two dozen local Cub Scouts turned out Monday for a Cub Scout Field Day held at Fairmont Park. Scouts worked on belt loops for flag football, kickball, archery, BB shooting and basketball.

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**City to vote on airport agreement**

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The City of Griffin Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote on a memorandum of agreement related to the new airport at Tuesday night’s meeting.

The agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration, Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority, Spalding County and the city, was scheduled to be voted on Monday night by the Airport Authority. Upon acceptance of this agreement, the city, county and airport authority each affirm its obligation to provide a 10 percent local matching share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants associated with the design and construction of the replacement airport.

The FAA will recognize the city, county and airport authority’s initial investment of approximately \$6 million of local funds as a substantial local commitment in

order for FAA to consider programming federal funds for the replacement airport, if, and to the extent, current law and funding allows. The \$6 million is the bond issuance by the Airport Authority, which the city and county agreed to back.

“The acceptance of this agreement does not convey any obligation on the part of the FAA to commit federal funding for the design and construction of the replacement airport,” the agreement stated. “However, the FAA is prepared to consider the city, county and authority’s request for Federal funding for the design and construction of the replacement airport under certain conditions” which are set forth in the agreement.

Also at Tuesday night’s meeting, the city commission is scheduled to consider the sale of excess electric capacity to the City of Buford for calendar year

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**UGA-Griffin Food Technology Center breaks ground this Friday**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The University of Georgia-Griffin campus will break ground on its newest building — the UGA Griffin Food Technology Center — at 3 p.m. on Friday.

The ceremony will include remarks from Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, University System of Georgia Regent Tommy Hopkins, UGA President Jere W. Morehead, State House Representative David Knight (R-Griffin) and Chuck Copeland, chairman of the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority board.

The event is free and open to the public, with a reception immediately following the ceremony. Parking will be available near the main gate in the large parking lot off Experiment Street. The ceremony will be held near the southeast corner of the Melton Building.

Deal, the General Assembly, the University System of Georgia chancellor and

board of regents, the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, the U.S. Economic Development Administration and UGA provided the leadership and funding for the project. The new facility will house UGA’s Food Product Innovation and Commercialization Center, or FoodPIC Center.

“When completed in 2016, FoodPIC will have the facilities and equipment necessary to extend its reach and increase its leadership role within the global food industry,” said Dick Phillips, FoodPIC Center director and professor emeritus in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

The state-of-the-art

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**Police busy over the weekend with alarms**

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Griffin Police responded to 169 incidents between midnight Friday morning and early 6 a.m. on Monday morning.

There were 32 responses to alarms, with 20 of those business and 12 residential. There were four burglaries and four entering auto reports, one auto theft and 12 larcenies reported including three shopliftings.

Over the weekend, according to the police department, there were 27 reports made for

police information, which are follow-ups or additional information provided on incidents. There were also 15 reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity and seven reports of criminal trespass.

There were 12 domestic disturbances, plus one report of a juvenile problem and 10 other disturbances. There were five civil matters, seven reports of criminal trespass, six reports of damage to property and four animal complaints.

There were five incidents of simple assault/simple battery,

one aggravated assault, two incidents of obstruction/resisting arrest and one disorderly conduct. Officers also responded to three 911 hang-ups and two incidents of harassing communication.

There was one each of the following — death investigation, welfare check, noise complaint, recovered property, lost property, child neglect, sexual assault and a runaway.

There were also two warrant arrests, two arrests for failure

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- Mrs. Betty Smith



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**OBITUARIES**



**Mrs. Barbara E. Long**

June 30, 1948 — Oct. 11, 2014

Griffin resident

Mrs. Barbara Elaine Dunn Long, 66, of Griffin, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at her residence.

Mrs. Long was born in Brooks, Georgia on June 30, 1948.

She is preceded in death by her father, James Herbert Dunn; husbands Billy Mann, Don Long; brother, Johnny Earl Dunn. She was a retired Driver with the Spalding County School System and was a member of the Griffin Moose Lodge #1503.

Survivors include her children, Cheryl Lynn Jackson, Michelle Denise Beckum, Charlotte Pearl Scott and husband Kenneth; grandchildren, Stormie Shay Cleveland, Hannah Bree Scott, Haley Brooke Dowdy and husband Nathan, Kenneth Andrew Beckum, Amber Leigh Kendrick and husband, Chris Cochran; great-grandchildren, Seth Cochran, Skyler Cochran, Madden Cochran, to be born Zoey Dockery; her mother, Mary Pearl Dunn; sisters, Patsy Lindsey, Gail Moore and husband Bobby; brother Pete Dunn; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation for Mrs. Barbara D. Long will be on Monday, October 13, 2014 from

7:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home.

Reverend Keith Ford will officiate. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Mausoleum.

Please join the family in honoring the life of Barbara Dunn Long by visiting [www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com](http://www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com) and posting your tributes and memories.

Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, Georgia, is in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Eula Lackey**

March 3, 1917 — Oct. 12, 2014

Zebulon resident

Mrs. Eula Frances Maxwell Lackey, 97, of Zebulon, passed away Oct. 12, 2014, at Heritage Inn Nursing

**OBITUARY POLICY**

Obituaries are published daily in The Griffin Daily News. To have your loved one's obituary placed in the newspaper, contact your funeral home. Information must come from and be verified by the funeral home. The newspaper reserves the right to edit obituaries and death notices to conform with style. For prices, call the Griffin Daily News office at 770.227.3276. Photos may accompany any obituary. Death notices are published free of charge.

Home in Barnesville. She was born in Spalding County, daughter of the late Charlie and Edna Maxwell. She was a devoted member of High Shoals Primitive Baptist Church in Barnesville for 60-plus years. She worked at Dundee Mills No. 1 in Griffin for 20 years, and enjoyed baking pies and loved flowers. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Horace Mullins and Garnet Lackey.

She is survived by her son, Howard Mullins of Zebulon; grandchildren and their spouses, David and Cheryl Mullins, Scott and Katie Mullins, and Amy Caraway; great-grandchildren, Nathan Mullins, Kyle Caraway, Haley Caraway and Katelyn Mullins.

Friends may visit the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the High Shoals Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Frank King officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

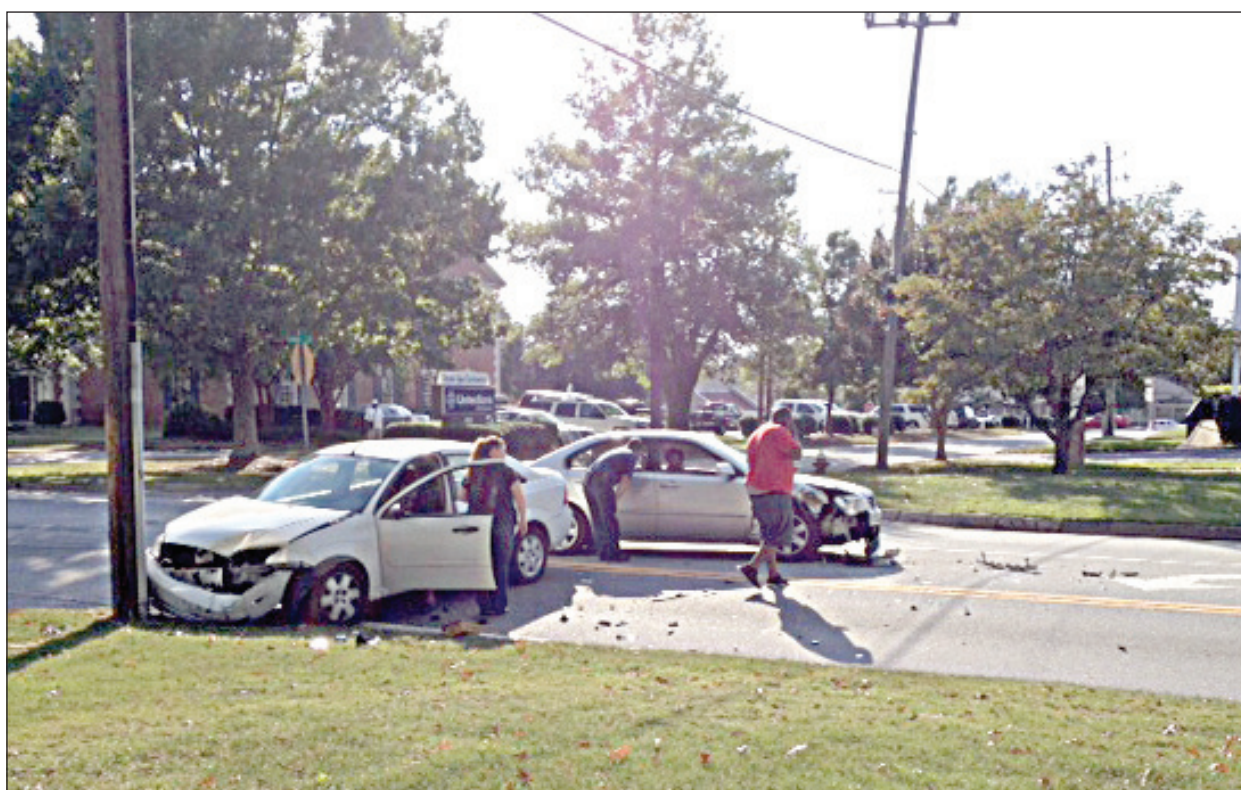
Moody-Daniel Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Mr. Willie F. Howard**, 71, of Griffin, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, at Reliance Healthcare of Griffin. Arrangements will be announced by McDowell's Funeral Home Inc., 305 N. Hill St., Griffin.

**Mrs. Betty Smith**, 88, of Barnesville, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church of Barnesville. Interment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. Williams Funeral Home of Barnesville is in charge of arrangements. [www.williamsfh.net](http://www.williamsfh.net). 770-358-1678.

**Vehicles collide at area intersection**



Friday at 4:33 p.m., an accident occurred on South Hill Street at East Oak Street, causing damage to both vehicles. The accident was investigated by the Griffin Police Department.

**Militants take Iraq army camp as bombs hit Baghdad**

BY VIVIAN SALAMA AND SAMEER N. YACOB ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Militants with the Islamic State group on Monday captured a military training camp in western Iraq, inching closer to full control of the restive Anbar province, as a spate of deadly bombings shook Baghdad, hitting mostly Shiite neighborhoods and leaving at least 30 dead.

The attacks, which came as Iraqi Shiites marked a major holiday for their sect with families crowding the streets in celebration, raised new concerns that the Sunni militant group is making gains despite U.S.-led coalition airstrikes.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, on a visit to Iraq, warned that the airstrikes will not be enough to defeat the extremist group and stressed that the Iraqi security forces would have to do the "heavy work on the ground."

But Iraqi troops, overstretched and overwhelmed by the Islamic State group's summer blitz that seized large swaths of territory in western and northern Iraq, continued to come under pressure Monday in the western Anbar province, where militants seized an Iraqi military training camp.

The camp, near the town of Hit that fell to the insurgents earlier this month, was overrun in the morning hours after clashes with Iraqi soldiers who were forced to abandon the camp and with-

draw from the area, two Anbar officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. Town residents confirmed the camp's fall, speaking to the AP also on condition of anonymity, fearing for their own safety.

The Islamic State group touted its conquest of the camp in a statement Monday. The statement could not immediately be verified but it was posted on militant websites commonly used by the group.

In Baghdad, which has largely been spared the violence seen in other parts of Iraq amid the Islamic State group's onslaught, bombings killed at least 30 people and wounded scores more Monday.

The attacks, hitting three Shiite-majority neighborhoods, came as many Iraqi Shiites families took to the streets to celebrate the Eid al-Ghadeer holiday, which commemorates the Shiite Imam Ali, the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law and the sect's most sacred martyr.

In the eastern Habibiya district, police said 15 people died and 34 were wounded when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a police checkpoint. Earlier in the day, a car bomb struck near a bus stop in northern Baghdad, killing 11 and wounding 22. And in the sprawling district of Sadr City, a bomb hidden

in a vegetable cart killed four and wounded 18.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks but the Islamic State fighters say they have a foothold inside Baghdad and have claimed several large-scale bombings in the city in the past months, particularly in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City.

In Anbar, the capture of the Iraqi military camp came despite the U.S. airstrikes campaign. The U.S. military, which withdrew its forces from the country in late 2011 after more than eight years of war, first launched the airstrikes in early August to help Iraqi and Kurdish ground forces fight back and retake ground lost to the Islamic State group.

The strikes in Iraq were followed in September by the first U.S.-led airstrikes in Syria, where the Islamic State group has captured much of the

country's east, declaring a self-styled caliphate on the territory under its control straddling the Iraqi-Syria border.

Since then, more than a dozen countries have entered the fight, providing air power, weapons or humanitarian assistance to more than a million Iraqis displaced by the militants' offensive.

The British government joined the U.S.-led aerial campaign on Sept. 30 but has refused to join the campaign in Syria, where the Americans have been joined by a coalition of Arab partners. The use of foreign ground troops in the battle against the Islamic State group, however, has been frowned upon, both by the Iraqi government and by foreign governments providing assistance.

"The coalition can only deliver effective support to the Iraqi government and Iraqi security forces," said Britain's top diplomat during his visit to Baghdad. "The Iraqi people, the Iraqi security forces and Iraqi government will have to take the lead on the ground."

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award; and a coring analysis of a portion of Meriwether Street to determine if the city should just put in new curbs or mill up and repave the street, for the next scheduled resurfacing of the street.

The city commissioners

will also consider denial of a claim for damages arising from an accident during a funeral escort, where a driver reportedly passed a stopped school bus and struck a city police car providing the funeral escort on May 2.

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facility will house pilot plants and laboratory spaces for hot and cold temperature work; wet and dry processing; quality control laboratories; refrigerated, frozen and dry storage; a demonstration kitchen; and administrative offices.

In this new facility, researchers

from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and industry experts will provide innovative guidance to business owners in the areas of food product development, concept generation and evaluation, packaging, safe processing, business development, pilot plant preparation and consumer acceptance. The FoodPIC staff includes engineers, chemists, microbiologists, consumer sensory scientists and research chefs.

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to appear in court and one probation violation. There were 13 traffic accidents, 52 Uniform Patrol citations plus 35 warnings, 15 Code Enforcement warnings and one Animal Control warning issued.